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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated August 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 15 as follows:

8. (Amended) An electrically activated valve comprising:

a valve stem holding a valve member interacting with a valve seat on a valve housing;

a valve spring providing a force in a first direction on said valve;

a valve guide for guiding said valve stem in said valve housing;

an activating device which, when activated, provides a force in a direction opposite said first direction to axially move said valve stem and said valve member in said valve housing and said valve member interacting with said valve

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seat on said valve housing to thereby determine flow through said valve;  
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